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Re: Docket No. AB-468 (sub-No. 5X), Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc (P&L) Abandonment Exemption, McCracken County, KY

Be advised that the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has reviewed the P&L petition to abandon 5,780 feet of rail line located in the City of Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky and has no comments concerning the proposed action. No prime, unique or other important farmland will be adversely affected by the removal of the rail line.

Contact Jacob Kuhn, assistants state conservationist for Natural Resources Planning (859-224-7371) with any questions concerning this response.

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